[President.]

It is not that the Government is disparaging the usefulness of the building. So far as the strength of the school is concerned it is wrong to say that it contained about 1500 pupils. You can never maintain discipline in such a place. That is the only purpose and I trust that honourable members will accept this assurance.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIV—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*): I beg to move, under Demand Head "XIV Administration of Justice", for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5670 for the establishment of six Itinerant Munsiffs' Courts. This sum includes the amounts to be spent on furniture, buildings and for the pay of the staff on the establishment of the Munsiff's Courts.

MR PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the places at which these Itinerant Munsiff's Courts are to be held?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: These additional courts will be held at Neyyattinkara, Meenachil, Chengannur, Moovattupuzha, Kanjirapalli and Shertallai.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why they are called Itinerant Munsiffs' Courts?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: As they are circuit courts they are called Itinerant Munsiffs' Courts?

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XV—JAILS.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,600 under "XV—Jails". This amount is required for the purchase of raw materials for the Jail manufactures. As the House is aware the Jail manufactory consists of two important sections *viz.* Textile and Leather. About 200 prisoners are engaged in the Textile branch and 20 in the leather section. An amount of Rs. 23,514 was provided in the current year's budget for this purpose. Owing to increase of activities in the Jail Manufactory and on account of the increase in the price of raw materials this amount was found to be inadequate and a few months ago Government had to sanction an additional amount of Rs. 8,000 to meet immediate payments. This amount also has been exhausted and the Superintendent has brought to the notice of Government the need for an additional sum of Rs. 10,600 for this purpose. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the demand.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL.

DR. S. JOHN (*Ag. Surgeon-General*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant under demand head "XXIV—Medical", of Rs. 55,200 for the purchase of medicines and instruments, bedding and clothing and for travelling allowances. The allotment of Rs. 2,53,000 has been completely exhausted owing to reasons well known. The shipping facilities have been considerably curtailed. The Medical Department was getting medicines from England and European countries

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All the tinctures are supplied by Messrs. Travancore Sugars and Chemicals. Now there are many pending bills for payment. For this purpose an additional allotment of Rs. 50,000 is required. In regard to bedding and clothing Rs. 5,000 will be required for the rest of the year. The rise in the expenditure is due to the general increase in the cost of piece goods and also on the increase in the number of patients. Further the Tuberculosis hospital, Nagercoil, had to be supplied with bedding and clothing early this year. In regard to travelling allowance there is only a small sum left to meet the T. A. for the remaining portion of the year and a sum of Rs. 200 is required for that purpose. I request that these amounts may be sanctioned.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know, apart from the item Travelling Allowance, whether the purchase has been made?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVIII—CURRENCY AND MINT.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1400—under demand "XXVIII—Currency and Mint". To ease the situation caused by the shortage of small coins power-driven coin presses were installed at the local mint to mint a large stock of copper blanks received recently from Bombay. A sum of Rs. 1,400 is required for payment of charges on this account, Rs. 800 for the erection of the presses, Rs. 500 for electrical energy and Rs. 100 for gunny bags for the transport of the coins from the mint to the Treasury. I request that the additional grant may be allowed.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know when we can get rid of the shortage of small coins?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: In about three months.

PRESIDENT: Our silver coins were of a greater degree of fineness and contained more silver than any other silver coins in British India. As a result, they were melted and hoarded. With regard to copper coins too, as they contained more copper, they were melted and hoarded so that it became profitable to many electrical undertakings. What we have done is to make it impossible or uneconomic for anybody to melt down our copper coins and we are minting it with the object that the people will not begin to hoard copper coins.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXX—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction and President Economic Development Board*): I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 1,500—under "XXX—Miscellaneous Departments" towards the additional expenditure under travelling allowances for the Economic Development Board. The amount already granted is Rs. 2,250—and of this amount only a balance of Rs. 11—is available for further payment, while 8 bills to the total amount of Rs. 557—is still pending and one more meeting has to be held towards the end of the year. It is to meet this expenditure that I beg to move this supplementary grant.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

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